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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231 BOX: Amendment

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action of February 27, 2002 requiring restriction among the claims.

Applicants elect to prosecute claims in Group I, namely Claims 1-41, 68-75 and 79-81 without traverse.

Respectfully submitted

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